

EYE ON THE FLEET PACIFIC



PACIFIC OCEAN (Oct. 17, 2008) - EODCS Jon Culver, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operational Support Unit (EODOSU) 7, conducts fast rope training in hangar bay two aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Stennis is the lead ship of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group and is conducting pre-deployment exercises off the coast of Southern California.

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NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Swimming with dolphins help IA families cope

FROM THE FLEET AND FAMILY
SUPPORT CENTER

A partnership between Naval Air Station Key West's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) along with the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Fla., has established a unique way to help military families cope while their service member is deployed on an individual augmentee (IA) assignment - a stress free, entertaining swim with dolphins.

The dolphin swim experience normally costs \$200 per person, however, IA families from Key West participated for free. FFSC wanted to provide its IA families with the opportunity to participate in an activity that would be fun, exciting, stress free and family oriented.

The Dolphin Research Center was very excited to welcome five IA families from Key West to meet their dolphin family in the Dolfriend Program.

"The Dolfriend Program is a way for Dolphin

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Contributed photo

Blaine Cleckley of Balfour Beatty Communities steals a kiss from a dolphin at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Fla., as part of the Dolfriend program at the center. Naval Air Station Key West's Fleet and Family Support Center and Dolphin Research Center teamed up to provide individual augmentee (IA) family members with a way to de-stress while their loved one is on an IA assignment. Cleckley's wife, Lt. Janiese Cleckley of Naval Branch Health Clinic Key West, is an IA currently serving in Cuba.

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TURF WARS



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Rachel McMarr

Captain's Cup flag football action was hot Monday night at Sigsbee Park as the Coast Guard, left, lost to FRC 19-0. Flag football games start at 6 Monday and Wednesday nights at Sigsbee Park.

Fantasy Fest and the air station - what you need to know

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With today and tomorrow featuring the biggest Fantasy Fest events of the season, Naval Air Station Key West personnel and residents should be aware of how the island's biggest festival can affect the base.

For example, the United Street gate at

Trumbo Point will be open today from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 3 p.m. - 1 a.m. Today's gate opening is to help personnel get access to Truman Annex while the 400-500 block of Southard Street is closed. Personnel can still get to the Southard Street gate through other routes, but the United

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This Week in Naval History

Oct. 24

1958 - USS Kleinsmith (APD 134) evacuates U.S. nationals from Nicaro, Cuba.

Oct. 25

1924 - Airship USS Shenandoah (ZR 1) completes round-trip transcontinental cruise that began Oct. 7.

Oct. 26

1921 - In first successful test, a compressed-air, turntable catapult, launches a N-9 seaplane.

Oct. 27

1922 - Navy League of the United States sponsors first annual celebration of Navy Day to focus public attention on the importance of the U.S. Navy. That date was selected because it was Theodore Roosevelt's birthday.

Oct. 28

1933 - The development of the PBY Catalina flying boat is begun by awarding the contract to the Consolidated Aircraft Company.

Oct. 29

1989 - A pilot making his 1st carrier landing and four others are killed when his plane crashes on the flight deck of the training carrier Lexington (AVT 16) off the coast of Pensacola, Fla.

Oct. 30

1775 - Congress authorizes four vessels for the defense of the United Colonies.

THINK FIRST!
DON'T DRINK & DRIVE
IT'S NOT WORTH THE TIME

This Just In...

Be a CFC Key Worker

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) key worker training for Naval Air Station Key West departments and tenant commands is Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Flying Conch Lounge of Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (Fly Navy) at Trumbo Point Annex. Training is expected to run an hour and key workers can pick up campaign materials that day. Light refreshments will be provided for all. For more information please contact MAC Scott Slaydon at 293-2506.

United Street Gate Entry Cards

Residents at Truman Annex are asked to contact MA2 James Lurkins to pick up their access cards for the United Street gate entrance this week. The access cards, which are unique to each resident, will not be active until the official opening of the gate in the near future.

To get your card, call Lurkins at 797-1202 or e-mail james.lurkins@navy.mil.

Lost and Found at the Chapel

In recent weeks, the Religious Ministries Department has found two umbrellas, one bracelet, and one pair of sunglasses that were left in the Sigsbee Park Chapel. The owner can get the items after a brief description to the department. Please contact RP1 Philip Burston at 293-2318 for more information.

Fall Festival at Sigsbee Elementary

Volunteers and chili experts are needed Nov. 14 at Sigsbee Elementary to join the Fall Festival the school sponsors each year. The event, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the school, will feature a chili cook off, games, a silent auction and more. For more information, call Tricia Bell at 294-1861.

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are now being held on NAS Key West's Boca Chica Field Tuesdays at noon and Fridays at 6 p.m. in the training complex, Bldg. A-515. For more information contact the command DAPA at 293-2328.

American Legion Serves Up the Goods

Enjoy a fabulous steak dinner Friday at American Legion Post 28 at 5610 College Road on Stock Island. The steak meal costs \$15 and comes with potatoes, vegetables, salad bar, rolls, and iced tea or coffee. Friday dinners are served from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Come in Sunday for the Post's yummy breakfast, served from 8 - 11 a.m.

Get the Vote Out

For voting assistance, such as registering or getting an absentee ballot, please call the NAS Key West Voting Assistance Officer, Ensign Raul Cuevas, at 293-2521.

NEX launches new digital sales flyer

BY KRISTINE M. STURKIE
NEXCOM PAO

Beginning Wednesday, NEX customers will have a new way to see what items are on special at their store. The NEX weekly sales flyer is going digital, making viewing what is on special easier and more interactive.

"In mid-September, the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) tested the concept and customers were overwhelmingly positive with their comments," said Michael Conner, NEXCOM's Vice President Marketing.

To make shopping easier, customers can search for products based on brand name or category. The flyer also has a zoom feature which allows customers to get a bigger and

better view of the item they're interested in purchasing.

"Our digital sales flyer will continue to evolve as we add features to save our customers time," said Daniel Desser,

NEXCOM's Vice President Advertising. "There is a lot of emerging technology available to retailers and the NEX is pursuing alternative choices to remain relevant to our customers."

This Week at the FFSC

Welcome To Key West

Monday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Discover what this island city has to offer in the way of entertainment, recreation and children's activities. This program welcomes newcomers to the area and provides valuable information on the community.

Sponsor Training

Wednesday, 8 - 9 a.m.

Having a sponsor often makes the difference between a good or bad move for military members and their families. Sponsors designated for training will learn about the various services available at NAS Key West. This information will enable them to assist incoming personnel make an easy transition.

Call 293-4408 ext. 28 to enroll. All classes are subject to rescheduling when enrollment does not meet minimum requirement.

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Fantasy Fest

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Street gate's opening will help to ease any congestion, said NAS Key West Security Officer Lt. Steven James.

"I recommend using the United Street gate for Fantasy Fest, because it will be easier for Truman Annex residents and personnel who work at JIATF South," he said.

Tomorrow's gate opening will be because the Fantasy Fest parade route will completely block the Southard Street entrance to the base. The gate at Southard will remain open, but vehicular traffic won't be able to access it.

"To drive to Truman Annex during the parade, take South Street to Whitehead Street to United," said James.

NAS' Security Department is also providing a bit of security for the parade, by using one of the base's military working dogs to check the floats for explosives before the parade starts. MA2 Scott Chilko and his patrol and explosives dog

Gerard will be checking the 70 floats that are participating in the parade.

For those Fantasy Festers who don't need to go to Truman Annex, but are wondering how to get to the events tonight and tomorrow, NAS' Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR) is operating two shuttle buses so that personnel can leave their vehicles safe on base. The buses will run from the Trumbo Point gate and Sigsbee Park Recreation Center to Fausto's Food Palace on Fleming Street from 4 p.m. - midnight tonight and noon - 2 a.m. tomorrow night. The bus ride will cost \$2 each way and riders must show a military ID to participate.

For a safe Fantasy Fest, the best bet is to stay aware of one's surroundings.

"There are a lot of things going on around the air station besides Fantasy Fest, so let's keep things safe," said NAS Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve Holmes at the weekly base department head meeting.

Dolfriend

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Research Center to reach out to the community and give individuals a chance to connect with a very special part of nature - a dolphin - and let them forget about their life concerns for a little while," said Joan Mehew, director of the Special Needs Department at the Dolphin Research Center.

The Dolfriend Program allowed the families to participate in an in-water program, which allows the dolphin to swim directly to the family members, giving the participants an opportunity to get up close and personal with the dolphins. The families get to watch the dolphins perform tricks and then take a dorsal pull ride where the dolphins pull them around the lagoon.

"Everyone had a great time," said FFSC IA Case Manager



Contributed photo

Faith Smith gets a friendly splash at the Dolphin Research Center.

Erika Dennison. "I have received nothing but positive feedback from our IA families. I am so glad that the FFSC and the Dolphin Research Center could work together to bright-

en these families' day." For more information on IA support or if you are an IA family that would like to participate, please call Dennison at 293-4408 ext. 23.

Naval Air Station

KEY WEST

Meet a Teammate

Job Title: Air Traffic Controller

Hometown: Sagamore Hills, Ohio

Prior Duty Stations: USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)

Hobbies: Motorcycling, fishing, camping

Future Plans: Buy a boat, get qualified

Most Interesting Experience: Walking through the ruins of Efeis, Turkey, during a port call in '05.

Words of Wisdom: Don't over think it; you'll only get a headache.

AC2 (AW) Nicholas Trutza



Contributed photo

BONJOUR!

Welcome aboard to Isabelle Violet Dupin de Saint Cyr, shown here with her father, Lt. Jean Dupin de Saint Cyr, also known around Naval Air Station Key West as "Lt. French Guy." The "bebe" was born Oct. 17 at 10:11 p.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs and 20 inches long. Lt. French Guy reports that Mom Anet and "bebe" are doing well.



U.S. Navy photo by Mike Scherck

RISING STARS

Naval Air Station Key West Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) employees completed Star Service Training Tuesday and are in position to use their enhanced service skills at MWR venues around the air station. The latest graduates of the training are, left to right, Desi Perez, Greg Hart, Mary Cole, Nella D'Ambrosio, Bonita James, April Baltiz, Ashlee Fowler, July Riley, Elizabeth Funnye, John Houdek (Star Service Facilitator), and Jorge Gonzalez.

Navy Commodores Jazz Ensemble to perform in Key West

FROM NAS KEY WEST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy Commodores Jazz Ensemble will perform a free concert Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Glynn R. Archer Center for the Performing Arts located at Key West High School at 2100 Flagler Avenue.

The free concert is sponsored by the Key West High

School Band Program. The Navy's premier jazz ensemble, the "Commodores," presents the finest in America's truly original music. A specialty unit of the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C., the group features 18 of the Navy's top jazz and "big band" musicians.

Since their founding in 1969, the Commodores have become one of the most acclaimed

jazz ensembles in the country. Their performances are high-energy affairs that not only pay tribute to the legendary big bands of yesterday, but also feature original compositions by members of the group. The Commodores continue to preserve the great heritage of jazz while also being an innovative force for the future.

To get free tickets for the Commodores' performance in

Key West, stop by MacArthur Music at 906-E Kennedy Drive in Key West or the Key West High School main office located at 2100 Flagler Avenue. You may request up to six tickets by mail by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to KW Band Boosters, P.O. Box 5749, Key West, Florida 33040. The ticketed seats will go fast so be sure to get your tickets early.

Balfour Beatty Communities News

All residents are cordially invited to join Balfour Beatty Communities at 1200B Gilmore Drive Oct. 31 from 3 - 5 p.m. and Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. - noon for an open house to see the renovations. There will be food and beverages and a chance to win incredible prizes. There will also be treats for the trick-or-treaters, so stop by to celebrate with BBC.

The Haunted Yard of the Month winner will be announced Tuesday. There is still time to decorate your yard for a chance to win \$100.

Remember to move your grills at least 10 feet away from the house when you are grilling.

Feel free to contact Ellie Cohen with any ideas for events you would like to see happen. (305) 433-0054.

Cooking with Chef Ellie

Bacon Mac and Cheese

- 1 pound uncooked macaroni
- 6 slices bacon, uncooked
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 egg yolks
- Butter for greasing the pan
- Breadcrumbs
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese


Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook until al dente. Drain and set aside. Heat a medium skillet and cook the bacon until really crispy, about 15 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and set to the side on paper towels to drain. Reserve the fat in the pan. Add

the garlic and onion to the pan and cook until the garlic



is golden and the onions are translucent. Remove the garlic and onions with a slotted spoon and set in a bowl to the side. Combine the cream and water in a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheddar cheese. Stir until melted. Beat in the egg yolks.

Butter a 8x8 baking dish and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Stir the cheese sauce into the cooked macaroni and combine well. Mix in the bacon, garlic, onions. Transfer to the prepared baking dish and sprinkle with the parmesan cheese. Bake until hot and bubbly about 15 minutes. Enjoy!



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*Rent discount on select 3 bedroom homes in Sigsbee Park. Offer expires 10.31.08.

Harlow and Pauly earn MWR kudos

BY JOLENE SCHOLL

MWR Marketing/Outreach Coordinator

Two Naval Air Station Key West Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) staff members were honored at the 2008 Navy MWR and Armed Forces Recreation Society Conferences held in Baltimore Oct. 12 - 17.

Emma Harlow was recognized as Practitioner of the Year for Navy Region Southeast for her efforts in re-establishing the NAS Key West Single Sailor/Liberty Program. In addition to a plaque, she received a \$1,000 scholarship.

"Emma has become an invaluable asset to MWR," NAS Key West MWR Director Tim Campbell said. "Her enthusiastic leadership of our Liberty Program filled a long-term void in our program offerings at NAS Key West."

Harlow began at MWR as a Youth Program Assistant in July 2005, and led the implementation of the Rec Trak Point of Sale Program. Noting her organizational skills and effectiveness at dealing with



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Naval Air Station Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve Holmes, center, with Emma Harlow, left, and Brian Pauly after he presented them with awards from MWR.

staff and customers, she supported the marketing department and "had grown into a great utility player for MWR," Campbell noted in his nomination brief.

Harlow transitioned into the Special Activities Coordinator in the summer of 2007 and helped organize special events and programs. In the past year, she has added the Liberty Program to her responsibilities, creating a program "that will soon be recognized as one of the best examples for the Navy," Campbell said.

Harlow was chosen by Julie Smith, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Liberty Program Manager, to appear as the Navy spokesperson on the upcoming Liberty Program Video.

Brian Pauly was recognized with the John Pat Harden Award from the Armed Forces

Recreation Society for his efforts in running the NAS Key West's Child and Youth Programs (CYP).

"Brian was hired as the Youth Director just as a major transition in leadership of our CYP program was beginning," said Campbell. "His leadership and enthusiasm was demonstrated daily and he has been an outstanding choice to lead our CYP program at NAS Key West."

Pauly is recognized for his knowledge of programs and activities and has been selected by CNIC to help review the national Afterschool Association Guide Book, and to review and recommend updates to the guidance and policy for the future of the Youth Program, Campbell said.

Noting Pauly's ability to be part of team, Campbell said, Pauly "does whatever it takes to get the job done."

BECAUSE SHE CARES



Photo courtesy of MWR

Naval Air Station Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve Holmes, right, applauds after awarding a 25-year pin and certificate to Carmelita Delostrinos, a government services employee who began working at the NAS Key West MWR Child Development Center 25 years ago Oct. 21, when the center was still at Trumbo Point. Delostrinos started as a child care worker and is now a lead education technician. Delostrino explains that she doesn't get bored after 25 years.

"Everyday is my best day because every day I come in and I know I like to be here," she said. "I always feel like I make a difference in the life of a military family - that's where I came from ... my husband retired after 23 years in the Navy. We retired here."

**BE SMART
DO YOUR PART
VOTE!**

EARLY VOTING IS ON NOW! Contact your Voting Assistance Officer or go to the Elections Office at 530 Whitehead Street #101 in Key West.

Fantasy Fest Shuttle back by popular demand!

The Fantasy Fest shuttle will run from 4 p.m. - midnight Friday and noon - 2 a.m. on Saturday.

MWR will have two buses running from the Sigsbee Park Recreation Center and Trumbo Point gate to Fausto's on Fleming Street.

The fee is \$2 each way. No registration is necessary, but riders must show an ID card to get on the bus and guests must be accompanied by an authorized user.

For more information, call 293-4173.

Navigator's plans Halloween Party

Navigator's Bar and Grill's Halloween Party will start at 4 p.m. Oct. 31. Zack Seemiller will perform. Wear a costume!

Youth Center Halloween events

The Youth Center staff on Sigsbee Park has planned a myriad of Halloween activities for youngsters aged 10 - 18.

Tuesday - Free cooking class, 6 - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday** - Free jack-o-lantern carving contest, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **Thursday** - "Monster Mash" dance. \$1 for admission and \$4 for a meal ticket. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided.
- **Oct. 31** - Scary movie night. Movies rated PG and PG-13.

Youth Center activities are for children aged 10 - 18 and the youth must be registered at the center to attend. Registration is free. Call 293-4437 for information.

Sunset Lounge activities

The Sunset Lounge will host a Fantasy Fest pre-party today with live music from Michelle Dravis from 6-10 p.m.

Sunset Lounge is open from 4 - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday and 1 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 293-4435 for more information.

'Wolf Walk' for walkers and pets

Join the fitness center staff for a "Wolf Walk" at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Gilmore Circle playground on Sigsbee Park. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes - people and/or pets. Water, animal crackers and pet treats will be offered. Please RSVP for this event at 293-2480.

Trumbo Palms Sunday Brunch closed

Sunday Brunch at Trumbo Palms is closed until January for kitchen renovations. For more information, call 293-4205.

Liberty Events

Liberty Events are for single and unaccompanied active duty members E-6 and below.

- **Sunday** - Shop The Falls in Miami. Leave the Sigsbee Recreation Center at 8 a.m. Transportation is free.
- **Tuesday** - Liberty Movie Night - "Saw V."
- **Get ready for some football!** Liberty Programs has tickets left for two nation-

ally televised games: the Miami Hurricanes take on rival Virginia Tech Nov. 13 and the Miami Dolphins host the New England Patriots Nov. 23. Tickets are only \$30 for the Hurricanes and \$40 for the Dolphins. Transportation is provided. You won't find a deal better than this, so reserve your seats today before tickets are gone. These games are open to everyone!

- **Every Tuesday at Sunset Lounge** - The Liberty Program offers food and prizes while competing in pool, darts, cards and more! Games begin at 7 p.m. and Sunset Lounge is located on Sigsbee Base past the Navy Lodge, next to the Sigsbee Marina. The fun goes until the Sunset kicks us out. Don't forget to bring your Liberty Card!

Don't have a Liberty card yet? Use it for Liberty Events and other great discounts. Stop in the MWR Office or call 293-2682, to get yours.

For more information, call Emma Harlow at 293-2682, or e-mail emma.harlow@navy.mil.

Vet Clinic set for Nov. 4 - 6

The veterinarian will visit Sigsbee Park Nov. 4 - 6 at the site next to the RV Park office. The hours will be: 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and 5, and 8 a.m. - noon Nov. 6.

The vet re-sale clinic is open each Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. Call 293-4191 for more information.

Auto Skills Center adds motorcycle lift

MWR's Auto Skills Center at Boca Chica Field has added a

motorcycle lift and jack to its tool inventory. A motorcycle wheel balancer is on the way! Call 293-2615 for more information.



Fall Fitness Menu OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008

Boca Chica Gym

- Monday**
- 7 a.m. - PRT Readiness
 - 11 a.m. - P90X
 - 6 p.m. - Yoga 101
- Tuesday**
- 6 a.m. - Cross Fit
 - 7 a.m. - Learn To Lift
 - 9:15 a.m. - Trek Bike Ride (outdoors)
 - 10 a.m. - Butts & Guts
 - 11 a.m. - P90X
- Wednesday**
- 7 a.m. - PRT Readiness
 - 11 a.m. - P90X
 - 6 p.m. - Yoga 101
- Thursday**
- 6 a.m. - Cross Fit
 - 7 a.m. - Learn to Lift
 - 9:15 a.m. - Trek Bike Ride (outdoors)
 - 10 a.m. - Butts & Guts
 - 11 a.m. - P90X
- Friday**
- 6 a.m. - Cross Fit
 - 11 a.m. - P90X
- Saturday**
- 10 a.m. - Butts & Guts
 - 11 a.m. - Yoga 101

Sigsbee Park

- Monday**
- 9 a.m. - Strength & Stroll
 - 9:30 a.m. - Pilates
 - 5 p.m. - Pump
- Tuesday**
- 9:30 a.m. - Beginner Butts & Guts
 - 4:30 p.m. - Hi/Lo Cardio
 - 5:30 p.m. - Mat Pilates
- Wednesday**
- 9 a.m. - Strength & Stroll
 - 9:30 a.m. - Kickboxing
 - 5 p.m. - Pump
- Thursday**
- 9:30 a.m. - Beginner Butts & Guts
 - 4:30 p.m. - Hi/Lo Cardio
 - 5:30 p.m. - Mat Pilates
- Friday**
- 9:30 a.m. - Pump
 - 5 p.m. - Kickboxing/Pump

Trumbo Point

- Wednesday**
- 10 a.m. - Aqua Fit
- Friday**
- 10 a.m. - Aqua Fit

October Special Events

October Incentive Program - Fitness Festival Trek: Track your miles from Miami to Duval St. in Key West! Using our Island Trek Bulletin board you will move yourself down the Keys with your personalized push-pin. Ask fitness center staff for your push-pin today.

Halloween Festival to feature free Child ID program kits

BY JOLENE SCHOLL
MWR Marketing/Outreach Coordinator

The Florida Masonic Child ID program will be on site at Morale, Welfare and Recreation's 6th Annual Halloween Festival next week to provide parents with an identification kit that will include the child's scanned handprints, photos, DNA samples and a short video.

The Halloween Festival will run from 4 - 6 p.m. Wednesday

at the Sigsbee Park Recreation Center. The annual event, with pumpkin decorating, face painting and food, is hosted by MWR's ITT Office. Children, who must be accompanied by an adult, should bring a pumpkin to decorate.

The Dade Masonic Lodge of Key West, which provided \$250 to support the event, also initiated including the Child ID program, which is a free ser-

Local groups team up to get care packages to troops

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A02 (AW) Ryan Smith of Navy Munitions Command CED Det. Key West recently returned from an individual augmentee (IA) assignment in Iraq, where he served with Operation Noble Eagle. To relay what the experience was like, he recently spoke to the Navy League Key West Council, which brought about the topic of what the Navy League and Key West could do to support the troops he served with.

"They need a lot of things you wouldn't expect over there," he said, smiling, but serious. "DVDs, beef jerky, individual baby wipe packages, bug spray."

This prompted Navy

Leaguer Sandy Higgs to spearhead a collection drive to gather items needed for the service members in Operation Noble Eagle, who Smith said were mostly all IAs.

Enlisting the help of American Legion Post 28, Key West Military Affairs Committee and the Chief Petty Officers Mess of Naval Air Station Key West, the Navy League gathered items, time and money to get the packages to the troops. The groups corralled and packed up such necessities as reading materials, bandanas imprinted with Psalm 91, DVDs, hand warmers, mousetraps, bug repellent, beef jerky and toiletry items. All are items that Smith told the Navy League the unit would gladly accept.

Craig Cates, owner of NAPA Auto Parts and MAC member, and John Key, general manager of NAPA, boxed up and shipped the packages to North Carolina, where the packages were delivered to Soldier's Angels, a non-profit organization that ships care packages and letters to deployed service members.

Higgs wants the troops to know that they are in the minds of many in Key West.

"We hope that the military personnel will know and understand that Key West supports them, appreciates their devotion to duty and wishes them a very safe holiday," she said. "Once again our community came forth as it's known to do and joined hands and made the process so easy."



Photo courtesy of Navy League Key West Council

ETC (SW) Joe Shellito, left, and Navy Leaguer Joe Mather fold bandanas printed with Psalm 91 to be included in care packages to individual augmentees (IAs) serving in Iraq.

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vice that travels county-wide to provide the identification kits to parents. The program, for example, will be on site for Children's Day in Bayview Park on Sunday.

The process is simple - parents complete paperwork with the child's name, address, phone, parent's names and answers regarding health, according to Greg Eppy, assistant committee chair for the program.

The child's height and weight measurements are documented, and then two DNA samples are taken by swabbing the child's inner cheek. That sample is boxed and bagged to be put in the home freezer.

"That sample is good for two years," Eppy said, who recommends that parents have the process done every few years as the child ages.

The next step is to take digital fingerprints and digital photos of the child, includ-

ing frontal, profiles, and a full photo next to a height chart.

"We then record 10 to 15 seconds of the child speaking to pick up their mannerisms," he said. The entire process takes about two minutes.

Once completed, the information is burned onto a disk. The parents are given a DVD case containing the DNA samples, disk, laminated ID cards, and an extra copy of the child's fingerprints.

"We don't keep any of the files," Eppy said, adding that nothing is retained in the computer's memory. The program will have six laptops manned by Masons, all of whom are volunteers.

Other sponsors of the Halloween Festival include Waterfront Market, which is providing the makings for PB&J sandwiches, water, juice and fresh organic fruit; the Key West Fire Fighters Local 1424, with a supporting sponsorship of \$250; Publix, with a supporting sponsorship of \$50; and Balfour Beatty Communities, which is providing Halloween bags and treats.

Services at a Glance

Tugboat sinks, Coast Guard medevacs passenger

BY LT. J.G. MATTHEW MEINHOLD

Coast Guard Sector Key West
Public Affairs

The Coast Guard responded to a distress call from a 47-foot tug boat named Barbara H with four people on board that sank quickly approximately 85 miles south of Marathon, Fla. Monday night.

The Coast Guard Seventh District Command Center in Miami received an Electronic Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB) signal from the tug Barbara H at approximately 10:30 Monday night alerting of a potential distress situation.

The Coast Guard responded immediately and discerned that the Barbara H transmitted a radio distress call at approximately 9 p.m. that they were "going down."

The tug Colonel arrived on scene shortly after the Coast Guard received the EPIRB alert and recovered the four adult males out of the water. It was later learned that one of the four persons had a

possible broken leg.

Coast Guard Sector Key West immediately diverted Coast Guard Cutters Tahoma and Confidence to assist.

The Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma arrived on scene first and sent a boarding team to the Colonel with a corpsman to assess and stabilize the patient.

The Coast Guard Cutter Confidence arrived on scene and launched an embarked HH-65 rescue helicopter to medevac the injured person.

Crewmembers on board the rescue helicopter hoisted the patient and brought him to Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon, Fla., where he is being treated for a broken tibia.

Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma is a 270-foot medium endurance cutter out of Kittery, Maine. Coast Guard Cutter Confidence is a 210-foot medium endurance cutter out of Port Canaveral, Fla. The Coast Guard HH-65 rescue helicopter and crew are from Air Station Savannah, Ga.

The Coast Guard remains vigilant to persons in distress. To report distress on the water, the Coast Guard can be contacted on VHF channel 16, or dial directly to (305) 295-9700.



U.S. Coast Guard photo

A passenger from the tugboat Barbara H is hoisted into a coast Guard rescue helicopter Monday after the Barbara H sank off Marathon, Fla. The passenger was transported to Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon.

Information Service and Marine Corps News were not a part of the original BRAC, but Mr. England added them, thinking this was a better way to do it," said Army Col. Mike Galloucis, DMA deputy director and chief of staff. "The Marines have been very corporative and displayed the can-do attitude I have run into during my entire career. The Marines have also been very supportive and on board with everything since the start and have been able to see the true value of this change."

Galloucis also said the changes mark unprecedented territory for the military and its mission to distribute information as quickly and accurately as possible.

"It's an umbrella organization made of seven different components that have never worked for the same boss. Now it will be a joint headquarters," Galloucis said. "The support that we provide our customers will be enhanced and should be transparent to them that we exist."

Some of the organizations moving under the DMA include the Air Force News Agency out of San Antonio, Texas, Marine Corps News and Naval Media Center out of Washington, D.C., the Soldier's Media Center out of Arlington, Va., and the American Forces Information Service.

"It's an in-place consolidation while we work toward the final operation capabilities," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Al Moore, DMA senior enlisted advisor. "DMA will have all flagship publications, Stars and Stripes, and the Armed Forces Network. It's a world-class, worldwide organization."

Moore also said the DMA is designed for convenience because everything will be in one spot.

"If you look at the major networks they all point to some-

IRAQI, U.S. FORCES WORK TOGETHER TOWARD SUCCESS



U.S. Army photo

Army Staff Sgt. Kelley Martin, left, a tank commander with the 4th Infantry Division's Company C, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, walks through a date palm grove with an Iraqi police officer during a patrol in Diwaniya, Iraq, Oct. 14.

Defense Media Activity activates

BY LANCE CPL. BRYAN G. CARFREY

Headquarters Marine Corps

The Defense Media Activity officially launched during an activation ceremony at the Pentagon Monday, consolidating all service media outlets into one organization.

"This is the best thing to happen to public affairs in a lifetime," said Gordon England, deputy defense secretary.

The consolidation follows policy makeovers outlined in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure mandate. However, some of the changes taking place were not in the initial directive.

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where. CNN has Atlanta, NBC and ABC have headquarters in New York. Now we have the same thing. One-stop shopping for getting product out," Moore said.

Construction workers will break ground on the DMA facility, which will be located at Fort Meade, Md., next year with a completion date set for 2011. All U.S. flagship media outlets will be in the new building by Sept. 15, 2011, said Robert Hastings, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Snyder

FIRE STARTER

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Matthew Feeman builds a fire to help combat the cold during Exercise Red Flag on Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Oct. 14. During the exercise, Feeman faces the challenges of a pilot shot down behind enemy lines. He must survive, evade, resist and escape to successfully complete the training mission. Feeman is assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea.

NAS Classifieds

MOTOR VEHICLES/RVs

2005 Dodge Ram 1500 4.7L V8 SLT, sport appearance, single cab, 6-speed/exhaust/intake system for better mpg, tow package, bed liner, Tonneau bed cover, sliding rear window, P/W, P/L, remote keyless entry, new CD player/subwoofer/amp, one owner, only 32K mi., still under 7-year 70K-mile warranty. \$11,300 OBO. Call (305) 849-0779.

2004 Nissan Titan SE crew cab in excellent condition, 48K miles, power windows, power locks, power driver's seat, tow package, extended towing mirrors, off-road package, spray-on bed liner, bed cover, cruise control, 6-disk CD changer and other extras. Selling because I am transferring and I am only allowed one vehicle. Selling it for what I owe - \$14,999. Call Jorge at (305) 395-1728.

2002 Mazda Miata SE. 30mpg, one owner, only 49K mi., 6-speed, 16" wheels, Bose 6 CD stereo, black leather interior, factory appearance package. Serious inquiries only, \$11,500. (850) 346-6701.

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1998 Z-71 Chevy. Extended cab, short bed, 4x4 truck with bed liner, Viper alarm system, electric locks and windows, CD player. Runs and looks great. Call John at (305) 923-1999.

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BOATS & ACCESSORIES

2004 20' Penn Craft 196 SUV C/C. This boat is in excellent condition and well maintained. 2004 Suzuki DF140 4-stroke EFI O/B engine, Bimini top, 2006c Garmin Chart Plotter with depth/fish finder, VHF radio, CD radio with two speakers, live well, manual down rigger, Baystar power steering system, ice box, tackle box storage, swimming platform and 60 gal. fuel tank. Includes

2004 Magic Tilt trailer and many more extras. Great all-around boat, selling because it's time to transfer. NADA price is \$21,000, selling for \$18,000 OBO. Call Jorge at (305) 395-1728.

2005 Snowbear trailer for sale, \$450, with ramp, working lights and wired. Well maintained and big enough for a sport bike. Moving - must sell. Call Maikel at 394-3557.

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2003 18' Angler, like new, 90hp Mercury, Continental trailer, very low hours. Only \$7,985. Will sell motor separate for \$2,985. Call 451-1028 or 393-9006.

2002 1720 dual console Key West boat with 2003 90 hp Mercury outboard and performance trailer. \$5,700 or best offer. 293-5612 or 942-1600.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tipman A-5 paintball gun. Accessories include Tornado Hopper, Flatline Barrel System, Automatic Response Trigger System, Combat Collapsible Stock, and 20 oz. CO2 canister, with belt holder. Also zX4 Paintball Pistol, 12 round capacity clip, includes tactical holster and two quick refill tubes. Two bags of paint also. Less than six hours of use! If interested call Noah at (805) 276-9634.

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Lt. John Stewart, left, and EODCS (EWS/SW/AW) Richard Straney, both from EOD Mobile Unit 6 Detachment Mayport, Fla., look at a marine map of Channel Key at Coast Guard Station Marathon before searching for a bomb-shaped object reported by swimmers.

Explosive situation

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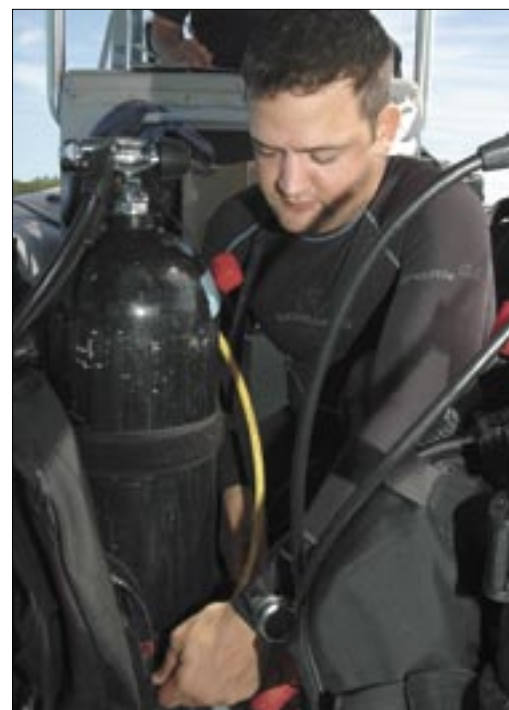
Photos by MC2 Rachel McMarr

Last month, recreational divers near Channel Key reported a bomb-shaped object in the water to the Coast Guard. A Navy team from Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit Six from Naval Station Mayport, Fla., came down and investigated the area, but had to postpone the search due to approaching Hurricane Ike. The EOD team returned to the area Monday to resume the search and found the object Tuesday afternoon. Upon investigation, the object was identified as a Korean-era M117 series bomb.

Next week: How do you get rid of a 400-pound bomb?



Straney checks a diver's oxygen pressure during pre-dive checks, (above).



Stewart attaches his oxygen tank to a buoyancy compensator before diving (right).



EOD1 (EWS/SW/AW) Tim Fredericksen holds a metal detector as Straney uses a 2A sonar.



EOD1 (EWS/FPJ) Jeff Pierson holds a 2A hand-held sonar while receiving instructions during the search.



MU3 Ryan Brundage holds a plaque with measurements as Pierson reads it after the team found the 400 lb. bomb.